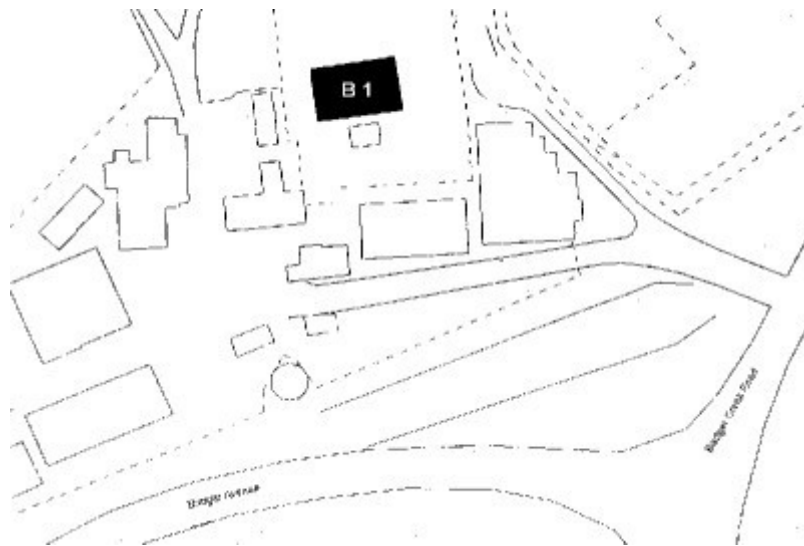


# MACKENZIE COTTAGE, HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY



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## Location

25 BADGER CREEK ROAD BADGER CREEK, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1767

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO103

## VHR Registration

January 7, 1999

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 31, 1999

What is significant?

The MacKenzie Cottage, originally a six roomed weatherboard building, was built around 1920 by local builders Jim (Scotty) Anderson and Tom Smith as a caretaker's cottage for the medical research field station established by (Sir) Colin MacKenzie (1877-1938). MacKenzie, renowned Australian anatomist and pioneer of orthopaedics, was keenly interested in the comparative anatomy of Australian native fauna and was an early advocate for their protection. The field station was to become in 1934 the Sir Colin MacKenzie Sanctuary and now known simply as the Healesville Sanctuary, one of the most popular and revered attractions in Victoria. The cottage is the only remnant of the early years of the sanctuary. For many years it was used as a residence by successive directors and it has undergone some internal alteration and substantial additions at the rear.

How is it significant?

The MacKenzie Cottage, Healesville Sanctuary is historically, scientifically and socially important to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The MacKenzie Cottage, Healesville Sanctuary is historically and scientifically important for its close associations with Sir Colin MacKenzie and the sanctuary he fostered. It is important as the last remaining tangible link to the earliest era of the development of the research field station in 1920. MacKenzie is a critically significant figure in the history of the understanding and protection of Australian native wildlife.

As the earliest building at the Healesville Sanctuary it shares in the enormous social significance of the sanctuary to Victorians and visitors to the State as a place of education, recreation and fascination.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### **Specific Exemptions:**

Policy:

General Conditions:

1. All alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

Exterior

- \* Minor repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.
- \* Demolition or removal of skillion section at rear and making good.
- \* Removal of extraneous items such as air conditioners, pipe work, ducting, wiring, antennae, aerials etc, and making good.
- \* Opening of the infilled verandah and making good.
- \* Replacement of rotted stumps and bearers provided that the floor is not damaged in the process.
- \* Painting of previously painted surfaces provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of the original paint or other decorative scheme.

Interior

- \* Painting of previously painted walls and ceilings provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of the original paint or other decorative scheme.
- \* Removal of paint from originally unpainted or oiled joinery, doors, architraves, skirtings and decorative strapping.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of carpets and/or flexible floor coverings.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of curtain track, rods, blinds and other window dressings.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of mirrors, paintings and other wall mounted artworks.
- \* Refurbishment of bathrooms and toilets including removal, installation or replacement of sanitary fixtures and associated piping, mirrors, wall and floor coverings.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of kitchen benches and fixtures including sinks, stoves, ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers etc and associated plumbing and wiring.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of ducted, hydronic or concealed radiant type heating provided that the installation does not damage existing skirtings and architraves and provided that the location of the heating unit is concealed from view.

- \* Installation, removal or replacement of electrical wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of bulk insulation in the roof space.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of smoke detectors.

Construction dates        1920,  
Heritage Act Categories   Registered place,  
Hermes Number            5418  
Property Number

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## **Extent of Registration**

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1767 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

MacKenzie Cottage, Healesville Sanctuary, Badgers Creek Road, Healesville, Yarra Ranges Shire Council.

#### EXTENT:

1. All of the building known as the MacKenzie Cottage and marked B1 on Diagram 608227 held by the Executive Director.

Dated: 3 December 1998.

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Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*